

ABSTRACT

The management and integration of data and categorizing and reporting the results thereof are accomplished by using at least three information levels of the data path, which comprise a transactions level, an extraction, transformation and load level, and a business information level. At the transformation and load level, data are collected from applications residing at the transactions level and extractions and calculations are performed on the collected data. The results are deposited into a data pool and presented to consumers using components residing at the business information level.